

# ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS

## NOVEMBER EDITION

Hello everyone,

There seems to be a lot happening in tennis at present with interclub and numerous events operating at Wilding Park for both Seniors and Juniors.

Our senior interclub teams are performing well at this early stage of the season, as are our junior teams. *Please note the current Senior team standings listed further down in this newsletter.* Record numbers were received for the Canterbury Primary school champs over the weekend, with a number of Elmwood juniors participating – well done to all players and we look forward to many encouraging results over the coming months.

The Tennis Canterbury Open was held last weekend and provided some wonderful tennis for all of those that were fortunate enough to attend. Abby Mason lost in the semi-finals to Jade Lewis, after a spirited performance, in which the first set could have gone to either player. The men's final was contested between two of the brightest young stars of NZ tennis, Isaac Becroft and Corbin Crowther, with Isaac winning in a very tight 3 sets. Jade Lewis went on to secure the ladies singles in another 3 set encounter beating Jade Ottway. Congratulations must go to Tennis Canterbury who ran a fantastic event, with good attendances throughout the weekend. Once word has spread, I'm sure the field for next year's event will be even stronger – again, congratulations to all the organisers.

**Sets in the City** – This tennis event is operating each Thursday night at Wilding Park all through November. Play starts at 6pm and there is both a men's and women's singles match, with the winners progressing to the following Thursday. Winners receive \$1000 so interest is high.

I am happy to report that Abby Mason has won both her matches thus far, and is playing again this Thursday against Jade Lewis, who she played at the Canterbury Open. In the men's match Reece Falck will play Ajeet Rai, NZ's #1 player so this will be another wonderful encounter. Both matches will be of the highest quality, so if you can, get yourselves down to Wilding Park to support Canterbury against those North Islanders!!!! Bar will be open on site and food is also available.

Our own social tennis scene, is as always, very well attended, with all days recording good to very strong numbers. Tennis is now in full swing 6 days a week and our court utilisation would be amongst the highest of any club in the country. This is encouraging for our club as not all clubs are experiencing the same level of support.

***Our Senior Christmas party*** is booked for Sunday December 13 at #4 Bar from 4.00pm. Last years was very well attended with quite a few “kicking” on until quite late in the evening. The Library area at #4 proved to be too small last year so this year we have booked both the restaurant and outside courtyard, both flow into each other and operate as one large area, this will be much more comfortable for you all. ***Cost is \$25.00 per head which includes 2 drinks and all the food that is provided. Please email me your intent and direct credit \$25 to the club for your ticket.***

Thanks everyone

### ***What's going on?***

- **Adult tennis coaching** – Sam’s Group sessions are on Tuesday night 6.30 – 7.30 mixed skills and drills, Wednesday and Thursday mornings ladies 9.30-10.30 and Saturday morning mixed 11.30 – 12.30 for skills and drills. Private lessons are also available upon request, please call Sam on 022 367 7905 to arrange.
- **Tuesday morning tennis:** Starting at 9.30am each Tuesday for a couple of hours. Please come and join us for a lovely morning’s tennis followed by a cuppa and a biscuit or two.
- **Wednesday night tennis (mixed):** Wednesday night tennis is going very well with 3 or 4 courts used every week. The standard is good and competitive games are guaranteed so come along and join in on the fun on Wednesday night. For further information text Gill 0273722908.
- **Wednesday morning men’s:** If you are interested in playing Wednesday morning men’s tennis from 9.30am till 11.30am please call me at the club for the details. This is NOT a drop in event and organised by others, so please call if interested.
- **Friday morning men’s tennis** - If you would like 2 hours of organised play, a light lunch with raffles and prizes all for \$12, I suggest you put your name down for Friday morning men’s tennis. Play is from 10.00am

– 12.00pm. This is a “book in” event so please call Richard Ibbitt on 351 9442 or 022 659 3909 for further information or to register

### ***The last word!!***

- ***Senior interclub current team standings:***

Premier Men 4<sup>th</sup> Premier Women 4<sup>th</sup>

Div. 1 Women 6<sup>th</sup>

Div. 2 Mixed 4<sup>th</sup> Div. 4 Mixed 3<sup>rd</sup>

Div.1 (1) Men 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 1 (2) Men 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. 2 Men 5<sup>th</sup>

Div. 3 (1) Men 7<sup>th</sup> Div. 3 (2) Men 5<sup>th</sup> Div. 4 Men 1<sup>st</sup>

Div. 5 Men 7<sup>th</sup>

Some of these divisions have up to 12 teams in their grade, so early on in the season the teams are doing very well. Good work everyone!!

- Subscriptions are now past due. Please contact Ashley if you wish to discuss your membership. There are payment options, such as payment over equal monthly instalments available by arrangement. Please contact Ashley on 355 8377 for further details
- Finally a small request, if you use the leaf rakes please re-hang them on the hooks provided for others to use, rather than them having to go searching for them – thank you

Thanks everyone and we'll see you all on court!!